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Applicants:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROVIDING CROSS-BENEFITS  
VIA A CENTRAL AUTHORITY

Customer No.: 22927

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) Examiner: RIMELL, Sam

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) **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF  
NON-PATENT REFERENCES**

) (Responsive to the Office Communication  
of June 28, 2004, Paper No. 28)

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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF NON-PATENT REFERENCES**

Responsive to the Office Action of June 28, 2004 (Paper Number 28) Applicants enclose herein, copies of the non-patent literature (3 pieces) previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement of June 25, 2003. In the Office Action of June 28, 2004, the Examiner stated that upon receipt of these references, the Information Disclosure Statement of June 25, 2003, as well as Applicant's Appeal Brief of April 12, 2004 would be considered. Applicants

respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of these references (enclosed herein and marked D, E and F).

**Conclusion**

While no fees are believed to be due for this Request for Consideration of Non-Patent References, please charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Alternatively, if there remains any question regarding the present application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Dean Alderucci at telephone number 203-461-7337 or via electronic mail at Alderucci@WalkerDigital.com.

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